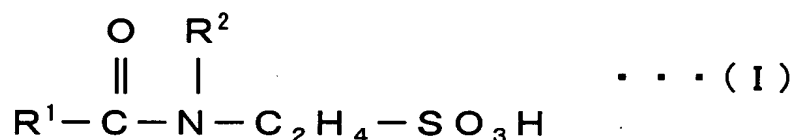


CLAIMS

1. Aqueous suspensions of cross-linked silicone particles comprising :
 (A) cross-linked silicone particles with an average particle size of from 0.1 to 500 μm ,
 (B) N-acyl-, N-hydrocarbon taurines represented by the general formula (I);



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(where R^1 and R^2 stand for unsubstituted or substituted monovalent hydrocarbon groups) and/or their salts, and

(C) water.

2. The aqueous suspensions according to claim 1, wherein component (A) consists of cross-linked silicone particles containing non-crosslinkable oil.

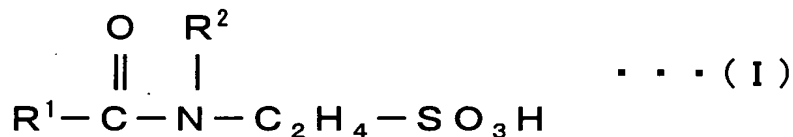
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3. The aqueous suspensions according to claim 1, wherein component (A) accounts for from 25 to 80 % by weight, component (B) accounts for from 0.001 to 20 % by weight, and component (C) accounts for from 5 to 75 % by weight.

4. Aqueous emulsions of oil containing cross-linked silicone particles comprising :

- (A) cross-linked silicone particles with an average particle size of from 0.1 to 500 μm ,
 (D) oil,
 (B) N-acyl-, N-hydrocarbon taurines represented by the general formula (I)

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(where R^1 and R^2 stand for unsubstituted or substituted monovalent hydrocarbon groups) and/or their salts, and

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(C) water,

with component (A) contained in droplets of component (D) dispersed in water.

5. The aqueous emulsions according to claim 4, wherein component (D), which contains component (A) accounts for from 25 to 90 % by weight, component (B) accounts for from 0.001 to 20 % by weight, and component (C) accounts for from 5 to 75 % by weight.

5 6. Cosmetic raw materials comprising the aqueous suspensions according to any one of claims 1 through 3.

7. Cosmetic raw materials comprising the aqueous emulsions according to claim 4 or claim 5.